GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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AGRO TANK GARDEN IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have approved the construction of Agro Tank Garden in district Bilaspur of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether owing to the non-availability of other land this project has been sent to Regional Forest Office, Chandigarh for permission for the use of forest land by Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the permission has since been granted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) The Government of India, Ministry of Heath & Family Welfare has sanctioned Rs.5 lacs for a projectbf development of agro-techniques of medicinal Plants (year 1999-2002) and to implement the project, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted a proposal to Regional Office, Chandigarh, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, for diversion of 19 ha of forestland at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh.

(c)&(d) After examination of the proposal this Ministry has requested the State Governmentof Himachal Pradesh in December 2000 to furnish additional information regarding the project but till date no reply has been received from the State Government.